Use of alcohal in manufacture of Ayurvedic Medicines

682. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alcohol is an important ingredient in the manufacture of Ayurvedic medicine in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have imposed a ban on the use of alcohol in the manufacture of these medicines;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government will reconsider this decision so that the efficacy of these medicines of mass use is maintained; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Identification of companies producting sub-standard medicines

683. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the companies which have been identified as producers of sub-standard medicines during 1992-93 and how does the figure compare with the companies booked for producing sub-standard medicines in 1991-92;

(b) what is the existing machinery to ensure the manufacture of standard medicines by the manufacturers of medicines and whether any deficiency in the enforcement-of-norms prescribed has been identified; and

(c) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government against the companies producing sub-standard medicines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 inspection and testing of both raw material and finished products have been prescribed Compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) is a condition before grant of manufacturing licence. Deficiencies are in respect of testing facilities and enforcement staff. Punitive action for making sub-standard medicines include suspension and cancellation of licence and launching of prosecution by the State Licensing Authorities.

Wrong delivery of a dead body by Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital Mortuary in Delhi

684. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared on page 1 of The Times of India, New Delhi dated 13th November, 1993 under the caption "GTB mortuary gives 'wrong' body for cremation" wherein it has been stated that the body of a christain girl was given to a non-christian family, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any enquiry in this regard has been ordered and guilty punished; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-